

## Mirror editorials, etc.

### Working together...

Ironically, the City of Carbondale is finding out how a problem sometimes also affects its own citizens. A minefire has been burning in Carbondale Township for some time now and affects no township residents, but does affect some city residents who live near the township line.

Latest word comes that the township is not worried about the problem since none of its residents are affected.

Anxiously, the township will not be swayed by pleas from city residents, after all, who pays their taxes, after all.

The city's administration has contacted township officials and has been told that, perhaps, the city even started the minefire through carelessness.

City officials have denied this charge, but for the moment, are contented as to how to solve the problem.

Cooperation has always been a two-way street in this matter.

The city could go ahead and expedite the fire if it spreads.

And then the city could bill the township for each fire engine sent to put out a fire in the township. This just happened recently again when city firefighters were called to put out a fire on Salem Mountain.

Very well, we say, that we believe in fire companies cooperating, coming to assist other fire companies upon the request of the "host" fire company.

And we see nothing wrong with fire companies alerting another community's alarm, because life and limb are often involved, and firefighters should not quibble over whose jurisdiction is involved if one can get there first.

### MS. waters VS.

BY NAN WATERS

The world is divided into two species of sleepers, night sleepers and day sleepers. As the night sleepers wake up and say "late" they don't function before noon, on a level. Larks wake up smiling and bursting with energy, and the day sleepers the other. Early to bed and early to rise usually matches the other.

As a night owl who is at his best in 2 a.m., I am a day and night mix up, as an infant, and never outgrown it. I never used to wake up before 10 in the morning, and now I do.

And so on a recent, healthful crisp autumn morning, dazed and glass-eyed (I'd slept in), I awoke at 6:30 a.m. (it's my nature) and the philosopher used to quip, "Be sure there isn't a bug under it?"

This morning, I thought, I will be pleased.

This morning, I thought, I will not start at three.

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And that trend is now something more than national statistics as some 80 people from the area are now out of work.

### Open late for citizens

It's that time of year again when ghosts and goblins hit the streets of our communities.

And it's that time of year again when we say, "It's not a fact, but true."

We wonder why this has to be.

Whether or not the taxpayers and parents of the Forest City Regional School District will take advantage of the opportunity is yet to be seen.

But in the meantime, we salute the district for this idea which should be most helpful to everyone in the district.

### And in city

Such an open for business policy was suggested a couple of months ago by Councilman Frank Greco Jr., who sought to have the City of Carbondale's financial offices open on Saturday afternoons for convenience of city residents who, otherwise, are unable to transact business at the city's municipal buildings.

However, because of the city's financial situation and union rules, this idea was set aside for the time being.

We hope that — even if it is in the most charitable future — Greco's idea is eventually accepted.

For those of us who make our living at seeking out information from different sources, including city hall, daytime only hours are no problem.

But for citizens who don't hold jobs with the media, seeking out information or help during normal working hours is a problem.

Evidence that national events and trends do affect this area popped up last week as Triangle Pacific announced that it was closing its city office on the 10th floor for a while until the national economy picks up.

Triangle Pacific has been adversely affected by the downward trend in new housing units.

ENOUGH business has sprung up here to keep the ladies of Mount Carmel Church in Carbondale busy.

We would type up our names in this book to be read at the annual two-night event, but we kinda feel very toro.

Through the looking glass.

It is a well-kept secret so that we can sneak around, observing people and putting their names in the *Carnation Mirror* of the world.

The pastor has a great deal of fun playing with our typewriter machine, but he and that fellow will be here to help us when we get our names in the book.

So let her use that event to show her more.

CONTRARY to what she says, we have a secret for that Alice.

WE WILL mention that the Rev. Jim Paul of the Wyalusing Methodist Church visited the MIRROR's office last week. (And, no readers, he is related to the late Jim Paul of the *Wyalusing Mirror*.)

AND NO, from Ronald, we will not tell you Alice's last name.

WE HOPE he is Methodist.

OR FRIEND says that thanks to inflation, the cost of bread has gone up.

Between the rushing and pushing and shoving and blow-drying of hair, the cost of bread has gone up.

He wore a pained expression as he replied, "A loaf of bread costs \$1.50 now. I have surgery." He and I are the same. —

And so it goes.

And, so let me tell you, my friend.

AND IF we don't mention Bob Taylor of Spring Street in Carbondale we'll probably get in trouble.

"Good grief!" cried two voices in unison.

And, those were the days, my friend.

And so it goes that the first Star was a falling one.

COME to think of it, the second one was exactly a rising one.

AND THE END OF THE FAIRY TALE of Fairhook and Mount Carmel is certainly a one.

I am the from-woman of the MIRROR; its office was broken during some houseplay (no, it was not due to some editorial disagreement as has been rumored throughout town).

SPREADING OF RUMORS, it has come back to us that certain people have been spreading rumors that several members of the staff of the *Carbondale Mirror* were let go this summer.

The truth is that only one of the four working for the Mirror was let go. The other three quite literally "up and left" for reasons they share with anyone who wants to know.

"How's smiling? What's wrong?"

"How many sugars in your coffee?"

"Some days you shouldn't get out of bed at all. Even if you feel like it."

WE REALLY don't want to end this column on such a down note, but rumors have been flying around town about us being let go and too worried for us to let them go without mentioning.

In fact, we believe we know who has started these rumors and it's too bad that the game can't be played fairly.

The people of the area, both readers and advertisers — deserve that because we believe in this area, its people, and its resources.



PREVENT BLINDNESS.

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### Church notes

Berea Baptist Church, Carbondale

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 9:30 a.m., Children's Class at the church; 12:30 p.m., Bible study with Dr. Claude A. Pulus, pastor, at the parsonage.

Thursday, Oct. 29, 6:45 p.m., The Happening for Children; 7 p.m., choir rehearsal.

Friday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m., church family service.

Sunday, Nov. 1, 9:45 a.m., church school for all ages; 11 a.m., singing service; Communion Sunday with the Rev. Dr. Wallace S. Suddeth, 6 p.m., Youth Fellowship.

Fri., Oct. 27, 7 p.m., Lenten study.

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m., Lenten study.

Wednesday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m., Lenten study.

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